Use of energy saving CFLs

*79. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bureau of Energy Efficiency's audit of prominent Central Government buildings has showns that 25—40 per cent energy could be saved each year in these buildings with Compact Flourescent Lamps (CFLs); and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to make mandatory the use of CFLs in place of GLS bulbs in Government buildings to save energy?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) The energy audit of nine prominent Central Government buildings has indicated energy saving potential of 23 to 46%. These savings are to be achieved by a number of interventions, including substitution of GLS bulbs by CFLs.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to make use of CFLs in place of GLS bulbs mandatory in Government buildings to save energy as far as Central Government buildings are concerned. However, Governments of Haryana, Punjab, National Capital Territory of Delhi and Nagaland have made the use of CFLs mandatory in buildings of State Government/ Government Aided Institutions/Boards/Corporatios in their States.

Loan for projects to tribals in Jharkhand

*80. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many tribals have been given loans above Rs. five crores for starting large projects in Jharkhand;

(b) whether there are any special training schemes for tribals in Jharkhand to get self-employed;

(c) if so, the details of institutions, the number of beneficiaries, the type of skills achieved during the last three years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) No tribal has been given loan above Rs. five crores for starting large projects

in Jharkhand under the concessional finance scheme of the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC) or by any other organisation under this Ministry.

(b) The NSTFDC releases funds to various organizations in the States including Jharkhand for training of Scheduled Tribes (STs) in different skills for employment/self employment. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs also implements a Central Sector Scheme for Vocational Training Centres for STs all over the country, including Jharkhand. The scheme is implemented through the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and other institutions. The types of skills in which training is to be given are decided by the concerned organisation depending upon the local needs and the employment potential available in the area.

(c) The NSTFDC during the last three years has, through the Data Care Computer consultancy, Ranchi, Jharkhand conducted a Computer Application Course of six months duration at Lohardaga and Ranchi benefitting 110 personnel (55 at Lohardaga and 55 at Ranchi).

(d) No proposal under the scheme "Vocational Training Centres" had been received during the last three years either from the State Government or any NGO for Jharkhand State. However during the current year, a proposal was received which was found to be incomplete. The State Government has been asked to rectify the defects.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Increase in diseases due to hotter earth

399. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a new study conducted by the scientists has revealed that a hotter earth means many more insects;

(b) if so, the details of the diseases, expected to be spread as a result of increase in population of such insects; and

(c) the steps contemplated to decrease the hot termperature of the earth and to increase cold temperature for the protection of human beings?